

EBCH Report WS & TC Meetings – Town of Edisto Beach
May 9, 2017 and May 11, 2017

Meeting called to order by Mayor Darby
Council Lady Patti Smyer led Pledge of Allegiance and gave invocation.

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Minutes from Budget Work session on April 13, 2017, Public Hearing on April 13, 2017, Regular Council Meeting on April 13, 2017 and Special Council Meeting on April 20, 2017 were approved.

IV. Proclamations and Presentations

- A. Starfish Award was presented to Clerk Deborah Hargis for her work to reduce SMITT and SMURF insurance payments for the Town of Edisto by 50% in premiums.
- B. Fifteen year service award was presented to Bob Doub.

V. Old Business

- A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-09 to Establish a Procedure for Invocations prior to Town Council Meetings was passed.

VI. New Business

- A. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-13 by TITLE ONLY to adopt the FY 2017-18 Budget was approved. In work session Council and Mayor questioned the large increase by Chamber of Commerce which Mayor thanked Chamber for clarification but gave no explanation on same. It was also noted that this is a re-assessment year and that Colleton County has not provided needed information for budget at this time and it will likely be June before this information is made available. (Note: this could result in a required alteration of Town Millage but is not known at this time.)
- B. Resolution No. 2017-R12 to adopt the Local Comprehensive Beachfront Management Plan was tabled pending completion of same due to council input.
- C. Survey Report No. 9 Annual Beach and Inshore Surveys Monitoring Year 9 for 2015 were accepted by Council. These surveys are basis for FEMA claims in the event of Storm Damage.
- D. Civic Center Thermostat Policy establishing 72 degrees F for minimum AC setting and 68 degrees F for maximum Heat setting were approved by 4-1 vote. Council Lady Smyer objected saying Renter should have some say in this.
- E. Myrtle/Fort Street Debris Pick-up was discussed due to Fort Street being “blocked” by Yard Debris and requiring this area to place debris on Myrtle Street. Motion to table was passed. (Could this be an issue of Town not maintaining the right of way on this street?)
- F. First reading of Ordinance No. 2017-14 to make certain amendments to the Town’s purchasing regulations as found in Code of Ordinances section 2-204. (This stated that real estate and town property was to be sold to the lowest bidder and now will state to be sold to highest bidder)
- G. Award of RFP No. 2017-10 Edisto Beach Sand Fence and Beach Planting Project was to Earth Balance in the amount of \$105,555. Councilman Moore recused himself as he is a partner in this entity. This was NOT the low bidder with the first bidder not being able to commit to a timely start of the project work. (Application to FEMA is being made for cost of this work.)
- H. Award of RFP No. 2017-02 to repair handicap accesses 17, 19, and 32 was awarded to Terry Hoff Construction
- I. Award of RFP No. 2017-07 Bay Creek Park and Civic Center Cleaning Services was awarded to Phoenix Home Care from ATAX with a \$17,000 annual increase in costs.
- J. Special event application by Edisto Water Sports Shark Tournament for June 10, 2017 was approved with \$2,000 from Alcohol fund approved as sponsorship for same.

K. First reading of Ordinance No. 2017-15 to amend 14-31 of the Town's code to adopt the Swimming Pool Code was approved.

L. Special Event Application-Bernie McGahee-Edisto Music Festival on July 1 and 2 was denied by council in 2-3 vote with Mayor Darby, Mayor Pro-tem Hornsby, and Councilman Moore opposed. Denial was based upon this event being during the busy July 4th time period. Council lady Smyer stated in motion to approve that Mr. McGahee had met ALL requirements but was still turned down. Mr. McGahee in speaking did not ask for free use of the park, any sponsorship from the town, agreed to provide additional security personnel and provided parking plans. This would be revenue to the Town to defray costs of the Park. He questioned the difference in this event and that held on Labor Day Weekend with Town support and funding. He thanked council for their consideration and stated he would return with other dates for a similar event.

M. TIDE Committee Recommendation-Horseshoe Crab Signs at beach accesses 32-37 as requested by SCDNR Al Segars was approved with signs to be installed and removed in a limited period of time (April to June). Sign indicates how to properly handle "beached" crabs.

VII. Planning Commission

A. First reading of Ordinance No. 2017-16 to amend sections: 86-214(c)(1)(a) to reduce contractor signs being left on completed construction from 30 days to 15 days; 86-214(c)(1)(b) Yard sales rules; 86-214(c)(3) Wayfinder signs to show civic and park facilities added; 86-3 Yard sign clarification; 86-186(1)(c) allowing accessory structures to be placed upon lots so long as the impervious surface maximum is not exceeded were approved. 86-175 was not approved.

VIII. Committee Vacancies

A. Planning Commission -- Tom Edens term expires May 31 and he did not wish to be re-appointed. Everett Smith had applied in prior month and was approved.

B. Beachfront Management Committee -- David Cannon term had been advertised as expiring and that he was not eligible for another term. Several applicants applied and will be placed in file according to Mayor Darby as Town has determined that the opening was not correct.

IX. Accommodations Tax Advisory Board

A. Town of Edisto Beach, Bell Property Annual Bond Debt, \$50,000. Approved this expenditure for payment of interest on 30 year Bonds for Bay Creek Park.

B. Town of Edisto Beach, Beach Access Walkover repair, \$22,761.25 was approved. See item H under New Business.

C. Town of Edisto Beach Police Department, Beach Patrol 2017, \$8,500 to fund beach patrol for 2017 was approved.

D. Town of Edisto Beach Police Department, Additional License Plate Recognition Camera, \$6,000 for license plate reader camera exiting the beach was approved.

X. Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

-Administrator Hill reported on Town Financials. Administrator Hill called upon Clerk Hargis for FOIA's who noted 7 FOIAs during the month of April.

-P. Brown reported on Building Department permits, inspections, and fees collected for April.

-Fire by Chief Conley reported 100 calls during April including 6 fire and 13 medical. Four water rescue calls with one he indicated as overturned boat which had been in that state for "some time"

-Police by Chief Brothers reported 195 calls and 787 property checks. He also reported that Officer Lee Hanley had resigned. (NOTE: According to The Edisto News there was gunfire into a home at 1802 Lee Street at Edisto Beach on April 23, 2017)

- Utilities by Bob Doub reported 13.5 million gallons (449,000 per day) water pumped and 5.7 million gallons (192,000 per day) sewer treated during April. Reported that SCDHEC had conducted the first CMOM audit but results have not been received at this time.
- Chamber by Lisa Harrell reported on upcoming activities. Chamber currently has 194 members. Please visit Edisto Chamber web site for details.
- Mayor Darby recognized Mr. Al Jenkins regional director for Senator Tim Scott in attendance.

XI. Public Comments

- Mr. David Cannon made an appeal to Council once again to fund extending groin lengths in area around beach accesses 25 through 27. This was made by Mr. Cannon as citizen not as member of the Beachfront Management Committee which he chairs.
- Mr. Bernie McGahee thanked Council for their consideration of his request and stated he would be requesting date in August 2017.

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XI. Executive Session

- A. Revenue Bond (SC Code 30-4-70a (2))
- B. Legal advice regarding Property Lot 7 Block UU, Lot 7 Block YY, Lot 8 Block YY (SC Code 30-4-70a (2)).

After return from the executive session, Mayor Darby entered a motion to move forward with Condemnation of Town Properties Property Lot 7 Block UU, Lot 7 Block YY, and Lot 8 Block YY for the purpose of Parking and R/O water treatment facility. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. Adjournment